

NEW SOUTH WALES.

MONTHLY SUMMARY OF BUSINESS STATISTICS

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NEW SOUTH WALES. SECTION A.—RAINFALL AND PRODUCTION.

1. RAINFALL—INDEX.

Index showing Weighted Average Ratio of Actual to Normal Rainfall.

(Average rainfall for each month = 100.)

Month.	Sheep Districts.					Wheat Districts.				Dairying Districts (Coastal only).			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
1947													
November ...	144	192	156	176	165	128	196	156	163	143	150	170	146
December ...	168	285	306	174	247	173	325	319	302	176	262	256	208
1948.													
January ...	99	107	110	49	99	104	115	95	101	88	150	220	121
February ...	82	211	252	138	180	74	222	253	222	42	66	99	56
March ...	144	90	21	72	81	136	82	16	48	141	151	36	130
April ...	80	102	145	75	107	90	112	140	126	92	40	71	76
May ...	145	138	120	129	133	117	123	102	109	123	117	186	129
June ...	202	204	102	214	171	168	171	111	134	363	194	156	293
July ...	79	23	33	28	43	73	19	35	36	20	29	17	23
August ...	53	68	50	70	58	50	67	52	56	58	41	14	48
September ...	131	113	70	72	100	129	91	72	84	167	185	40	155
October ...	27	40	119	55	64	26	49	110	84	6	20	81	19
November ...	81	65	98	49	79	74	61	102	88	96	46	60	78
December ...	96	71	126	106	100	111	79	123	110	63	72	98	70

N.—Northern; C.—Central; S.—Southern; W.—Western; T.—Total, all districts.

2. WOOL.

The total production of wool in New South Wales was 422,260,000 lb. in 1947-48, compared with 432,621,000 lb. in 1946-47 and an average of 492,436,000 lb. in the five seasons 1941-42 to 1945-46.

The average price of greasy wool sold at auction in New South Wales was 37·9d. per lb. in the year ended June, 1948, compared with 23·6d. per lb. in 1946-47. Comparable average price (subject to revision) was 47d. per lb. in Sept., 1948; 43·5d. in Oct.; 48·5d. in Nov.; and 53d. in December.

NEW SOUTH WALES WOOL SALES (EXCLUDING ALBURY).

Selling Centre.	Season.	Bales Received into Store during—		Sales at Auction during Five Months ended 30th November.*			Bales in Store Unsold at 30th Nov.†
		November.	Five months ended 30th Nov.	Bales.		Amount Realised.	
				Greasy.	Scoured.		
		No.	No.	No.	No.	£	No.
Sydney ...	1946-47	128,416	672,074	229,355	32,654	7,097,129	420,213
	1947-48	125,808	604,088	331,587	46,457	16,612,288	257,549
	1948-49	173,341	718,979	324,742	34,095	20,616,515	369,636
Newcastle	1946-47	24,552	126,524	55,187	46	1,452,784	72,594
	1947-48	27,764	114,414	64,297	25	2,868,410	51,015
	1948-49	29,638	133,645	68,641	...	3,833,027	60,988
Goulburn	1946-47	16,791	34,135	11,079	...	349,810	23,066
	1947-48	14,987	35,788	10,503	...	493,040	25,596
	1948-49	21,182	44,160	11,638	...	710,008	32,690
Total ...	1946-47	169,759	832,733	295,621	32,700	8,899,723	515,873
	1947-48	168,559	754,290	406,387	46,482	19,973,738	334,160
	1948-49	224,161	896,784	405,021	34,095	25,159,550	463,314

*Includes small quantities of wool bought-in by the Joint Organisation; sales from stocks held by J.O. are excluded.

†Excluding stocks held by J.O.

3. WHEAT.

Production in New South Wales. Compiled from returns of wheatgrowers.

Season.	Area under Wheat.		Yield of Grain.	
	Total.	Harvested For Grain.	Total.	Average per Acre.
	acres.	acres.	bushels.	bushels.
Average—1934-35 to 1943-44 ...	4,296,000	3,937,000	51,635,000	13·1
1944-45 ...	3,174,000	2,845,000	17,134,000	6·0
1945-46 ...	4,213,000	3,774,000	62,520,000	16·6
1946-47 ...	4,773,000	4,475,000	15,682,000	3·5
1947-48 ...	5,355,000	5,043,000	95,227,000	18·9
1948-49* ...	4,571,000	4,278,000	73,000,000	17·1

*Final forecast issued by the Department of Agriculture, December 9, 1948.

4. BUTTER OUTPUT—N.S.W. FACTORIES.

Month.	Average, 1937-38 to 1939-40.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.
Thousand lb.							
July ...	5,061	3,313	2,462	3,286	2,641	3,004	2,701
August ...	5,361	3,279	3,065	4,008	2,758	2,833	3,435
September ...	7,993	4,933	5,397	5,007	3,254	4,025	4,623
October ...	10,107	8,626	8,483	7,557	4,446	6,464	7,309
November ...	13,128	11,553	8,169	7,387	5,070	6,858	7,456
December ...	13,471	13,079	7,532	8,820	6,372	10,628	...
January ...	12,310	12,821	8,004	8,146	6,386	11,369	...
February ...	11,816	10,184	6,769	8,146	7,384	8,689	...
March ...	11,370	8,440	8,261	8,498	8,051	8,214	...
April ...	10,044	5,165	5,811	6,185	5,741	6,146	...
May ...	8,145	3,870	4,477	4,468	4,458	4,753	...
June ...	6,024	2,594	3,287	2,772	3,824	3,083	...
Year ...	113,930	87,857	71,722	74,280	60,385	76,066	...
Five Months ended November	40,750	31,704	27,581	27,245	18,169	23,184	25,524

5. COAL PRODUCTION IN N.S.W.—Thousand Tons.

Source—Joint Coal Board.

Periods of Four Weeks. ‡	Last day of Period. (1948 dates.)	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
First Period ended on ...	24th Jan.	23rd Jan.	22nd Jan.	20th Jan.	19th Jan.	1st Feb.	31st Jan.	
First* ...	31st Jan.	731	744	625	640	519	859†	539
Second ...	28th Feb.	933	933	774	867	860	796	918
Third ...	27th Mar.	981	813	781	893	913	833	869
Fourth ...	24th April	886	843	782	755	859	804	964
Fifth ...	22nd May	1,003	843	930	791	674	773	878
Sixth ...	19th June	965	907	866	914	906	990	883
Seventh ...	17th July	918	899	884	846	798	992	941
Eighth ...	14th Aug.	953	905	884	914	846	995	984
Ninth ...	11th Sept.	1,028	938	880	778	911	994	1,061
Tenth ...	9th Oct.	984	868	970	842	975	979	1,024
Eleventh ...	6th Nov.	973	937	870	759	1,017	1,092	696
Twelfth ...	4th Dec.	965	939	891	869	976	1,130	1,134
Thirteenth ...	31st Dec.	886	904	906	308	932	446*	834*§
Year ...		12,206	11,473	11,043	10,176	11,186	11,683	11,725§
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above...		56	60	180	523	756	959	1,252§
Year ended 31st December—								
Northern District ...		8,302	7,824	7,335	6,775	7,690	7,879	7,789
Western District ...		1,643	1,499	1,702	1,626	1,758	1,888	2,017
Southern District ...		2,261	2,150	2,006	1,775	1,738	1,916	1,919
Total ...		12,206	11,473	11,043	10,176	11,186	11,683	11,725§
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above		56	60	180	523	756	959	1,252§

* Miners' mid-summer holidays were:—In 1st period—1942, Public holidays only; 1943 to 1945, one week; 1946, two weeks; 1948, one week; and in 13th period—1947, two weeks; 1948, one week. † Four-weekly periods changed.

‡ Preliminary. § The four-weekly periods Southern District ended a week later than in other districts in years 1942 to 1947.

SECTION B.—BUILDING INDUSTRY.

6. PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT BUILDING IN N.S.W.—ESTIMATED COST.
(New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.)

Private building figures relate in years marked (a) to permits issued by local councils of Sydney and Suburbs, 129 country towns and 7 extra-metropolitan Shires; and in periods marked (b) to permits issued by *all* local councils.

Government building figures relate to contracts let and works authorised or commenced by Commonwealth, State or local authorities.

Period.	Metropolis.			Remainder of State (a) and (b).			Total, New South Wales.		
	Private.	Govt.	Total.	Private.	Govt.	Total.	Private.	Govt.	Total.
Year.	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1940 (a)	11,718	894	12,612	4,887	2,672	7,559	16,605	3,566	20,171
1941 (a)	10,847	1,725	12,572	4,758	2,904	7,662	15,605	4,629	20,234
1942 (a)	1,446	1,371	2,817	1,079	3,932	5,011	2,525	5,303	7,828
1943 (a)	1,361	3,109	4,470	508	1,574	2,082	1,869	4,683	6,552
1944 (a)	1,603	1,606	3,209	869	2,304	3,173	2,472	3,910	6,382
1945 (a)	5,271	3,662	8,933	4,630	1,638	6,268	9,901	5,300	15,201
1946 (a)	18,070	3,794	21,864	13,506	2,651	16,157	31,576	6,445	38,021
1947 (a)	20,252	4,299	24,551	16,596	3,023	19,619	36,848	7,322	44,170
1947 (b)	20,252	4,299	24,551	21,565	3,023	24,588	41,817	7,322	49,139
Jan.—Nov. (b)									
1947 ...	18,938	4,003	22,941	20,084	2,740	22,824	39,022	6,743	45,765
1948 ...	20,485	5,903	26,388	24,753	4,728	29,481	45,238	10,631	55,869
Month (b)									
1947—Sept.	1,951	457	2,408	2,017	357	2,374	3,968	814	4,782
Oct.	1,533	281	1,814	1,844	252	2,096	3,377	533	3,910
Nov.	1,585	269	1,854	1,883	275	2,158	3,468	544	4,012
1948—Sept.	2,084	734	2,818	2,435	328	2,763	4,519	1,062	5,581
Oct.	1,822	711	2,533	2,362	762	3,124	4,184	1,473	5,657
Nov.	1,975	559	2,534	2,528	291	2,819	4,503	850	5,353

(a) and (b) see notes above table.

7. PRIVATE BUILDING, PERMITS ISSUED BY COUNCILS, N.S.W.—ESTIMATED COST.
(New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.)

Period.	County of Cumberland.					Remainder of State (a) and (b)	Total, New South Wales.
	City of Sydney.	Suburbs of Sydney.	Metropolis.	Balance of Cumberland.	Total.		
Year.	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1939 (a)	1,886	10,334	12,220	1,360	13,580	4,002	17,582
1940 (a)	1,534	10,184	11,718	1,417	13,135	3,470	16,605
1941 (a)	552	10,295	10,847	1,488	12,335	3,270	15,605
1942 (a)	271	1,175	1,446	199	1,645	880	2,525
1943 (a)	249	1,112	1,361	139	1,500	369	1,869
1944 (a)	332	1,271	1,603	353	1,956	516	2,472
1945 (a)	264	5,007	5,271	2,677	7,948	1,953	9,901
1946 (a)	1,213	16,857	18,070	6,830	24,900	6,676	31,576
1947 (a)	1,315	18,937	20,252	7,944	28,196	8,652	36,848
1947 (b)	1,315	18,937	20,252	7,944	28,196	13,621	41,817
Jan.—Nov. (b)							
1947 ...	1,157	17,781	18,938	7,501	26,439	12,583	39,022
1948 ...	854	19,631	20,485	9,929	30,414	14,824	45,238
Month (b)							
1947—Sept.	48	1,903	1,951	808	2,759	1,209	3,968
Oct.	32	1,501	1,533	648	2,181	1,196	3,377
Nov.	180	1,405	1,585	783	2,368	1,100	3,468
1948—Sept.	125	1,959	2,084	945	3,029	1,450	4,519
Oct.	147	1,675	1,822	951	2,773	1,411	4,184
Nov.	66	1,909	1,975	986	2,961	1,542	4,503

(a) and (b) see notes above Table 6.

8. PRINCIPAL CLASSES OF BUILDING—PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT—N.S.W.— ESTIMATED COST.

(New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.)

Period.	Houses.	Flats (inc. conversions)	Hotels, Guest Houses, etc.	Shops with Dwellings.	Shops only.	Factories.	Other Buildings.	Total.
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
<i>Metropolis.</i>								
Year, 1946 ...	14,387	681	200	111	501	3,942	2,042	21,864
" 1947 ...	16,523	1,373	167	163	184	3,471	2,670	24,551
<i>Months</i>								
1947—Jan.—Nov. ...	15,387	1,200	167	142	172	3,372	2,501	22,941
September ...	1,473	146	52	8	13	311	405	2,408
October ...	1,478	103	.....	2	7	143	81	1,814
November ...	1,402	87	.....	15	3	269	78	1,854
1948—Jan.—Nov. ...	18,363	1,658	31	269	170	3,392	2,505	26,388
September ...	1,931	101	2	21	52	517	194	2,818
October	1,633	130	1	5	12	199	553	2,533
November ...	1,809	157	7	12	13	325	211	2,554
<i>Remainder of State.</i>								
Year, 1946 (a) ...	12,606	170	231	243	231	638	2,038	16,157
" 1947 (a) ...	16,127	247	292	224	310	738	1,681	19,619
" 1947 (b) ...	20,516	300	313	306	386	849	1,918	24,588
<i>Months (b)</i>								
1947—Jan.—Nov. ...	19,021	298	228	259	372	846	1,800	22,824
October	1,856	10	...	11	21	64	134	2,096
November ...	1,924	21	1	17	7	68	120	2,158
1948—Jan.—Nov. ...	24,232	485	144	271	166	1,704	2,479	29,481
October	2,426	26	8	22	16	175	451	3,124
November ...	2,507	21	13	20	22	57	179	2,819
<i>Total, New South Wales.</i>								
Year, 1946 (a) ...	26,993	851	431	354	732	4,580	4,080	38,021
" 1947 (a) ...	32,650	1,620	439	387	494	4,209	4,351	44,170
" 1947 (b) ...	37,039	1,673	480	469	570	4,320	4,588	49,139
<i>Months (b)</i>								
1947—Jan.—Nov. ...	34,408	1,498	395	401	544	4,218	4,301	45,765
October	3,334	113	.....	13	28	207	215	3,910
November ...	3,326	108	1	32	10	337	198	4,012
1948—Jan.—Nov. ...	42,595	2,143	175	540	336	5,096	4,984	55,869
October	4,059	156	9	27	28	374	1,004	5,657
November ...	4,316	178	20	32	35	382	390	5,353

(a) and (b) see notes above Table 6.

9. DWELLINGS IN HOUSES AND FLATS—AUTHORISED, COMMENCED, COMPLETED.

(Private and Government, including owner-built houses, but excluding some new houses on farms and military huts converted into temporary dwellings.)

Period.	County of Cumberland.			Total, New South Wales.		
	Authorised.	Commenced.	Completed.	Authorised.	Commenced.	Completed.
1946—Sept. Qtr. ...	No. 5,002	No. 2,600*	No. 1,650*	No. 7,529	No. 4,705	No. 2,719
Dec. Qtr. ...	4,229	2,675*	2,150*	6,482	4,208	3,437
1947—March Qtr. ...	4,081	2,590	1,603	6,660	4,454	2,774
June Qtr. ...	4,699	2,996	2,061	7,644	5,016	3,414
Sept. Qtr. ...	5,006	3,259	2,328	7,972	5,204	3,620
Dec. Qtr. ...	4,156	3,045	2,236	6,973	4,911	3,748
Year 1947 ...	17,942	11,890	8,228	29,249	19,585	13,556
1948—March Qtr. ...	3,876	3,124	2,115	6,499	4,772	3,640
June Qtr. ...	5,025	3,832	2,613	8,232	6,013	4,407
Sept. Qtr. ...	4,616	3,952	2,897	7,782	6,219	4,571

* Exclusive of flats.

"Authorised" means permits issued for private houses plus contracts let for Governmental houses.

At end of September, 1948, there were 22,475 dwellings in houses and flats "remaining uncompleted" in N.S.W.

SECTION C.—TRADE.

10. WHOLESALE TRADE.

Approximate Amount of Sales (N.S.W.) by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.
Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.

Period.	1939.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
Million £.									
Year.	200'29	229'03	238'65	240'54	251'40	251'74	299'76	347'46	...
January ...	13'24	15'83	18'69	17'18	18'01	18'62	17'62	21'70	25'22
February ...	16'54	17'48	19'39	21'60	20'48	21'48	21'72	26'28	30'33
March ...	15'78	17'40	19'53	19'44	18'00	21'75	22'33	24'22	33'20
April ...	15'79	19'06	19'19	21'88	21'68	20'81	26'88	27'32	33'82
May ...	17'46	18'75	20'72	19'56	21'45	22'24	25'21	30'33	35'61
June ...	14'88	21'76	18'93	20'91	20'67	19'40	23'58	27'98	34'69
July ...	15'28	17'63	19'17	19'81	20'87	22'01	25'74	27'82	35'27
August ...	16'81	20'41	20'86	18'75	23'82	20'22	28'74	32'11	39'71
September ...	19'44	21'60	19'59	19'93	21'46	23'72	28'97	32'00	39'15
October ...	19'22	18'25	22'06	20'80	21'82	22'36	26'56	30'89	37'48
November ...	17'53	20'58	19'54	21'07	20'30	} 39'13 {		24'65	32'66
December ...	18'32	20'28	20'98	19'61	22'84			27'76	34'15

11. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from the principal Sydney stores indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for periods shown below compared with corresponding periods of previous year:—

Period.	Number of Business Days in Period.		Net Sales (Value).	Value of Stock.	Wages and Salaries Paid.	Number of Employees.	Three Monthly Moving Averages ended month shown.	
	Previous Year.	Current Year.					Net Sales (Value).	Wages and Salaries Paid.
Percentage increase + or decrease —								
Year.								
1939	303	303	+ 2'4	+ 2'0	+ 2'6	+ 0'9		
1940	303	305	+ 6'3	+ 17'0	+ 4'0	+ 1'9		
1941	305	304	+ 14'6	+ 8'0	+ 9'0	+ 4'0		
1942	304	303	— 5'3	+ 9'2	— 5'1	— 8'4		
1943	303	306	— 11'3	— 6'8	— 9'7	— 17'6		
1944	306	302	+ 3'2	— 0'2	— 4'6	+ 1'4		
1945	302	301	+ 15'8	+ 11'1	+ 6'7	+ 5'0		
1946	301	302	+ 32'2	+ 3'8	+ 28'0	+ 20'0		
1947	302	302	+ 18'7	+ 32'5	+ 21'5	+ 8'6		
1947.								
October	26	26	+ 23'4	+ 25'3	+ 17'5	+ 7'4	+ 26'6	+ 17'7
November	26	25	+ 8'9	+ 27'5	+ 19'9	+ 5'6	+ 23'8	+ 19'7
December	24	24	+ 18'8	+ 26'2	+ 22'1	+ 5'1	+ 17'1	+ 20'0
1948.								
January	25	25	+ 23'8	+ 24'1	+ 16'9	+ 6'3	+ 16'7	+ 19'7
February	24	24	+ 15'0	+ 23'5	+ 25'0	+ 8'6	+ 19'1	+ 21'3
March	26	24	+ 19'6	+ 29'8	+ 16'0	+ 7'0	+ 19'5	+ 19'1
April	22	25	+ 35'2	+ 29'4	+ 22'9	+ 8'4	+ 24'0	+ 21'1
May	27	26	+ 11'9	+ 26'4	+ 20'3	+ 8'4	+ 21'8	+ 19'7
June	24	25	+ 9'7	+ 26'6	+ 23'5	+ 7'2	+ 18'5	+ 22'2
July	27	27	+ 30'4	+ 19'0	+ 19'8	+ 5'7	+ 16'4	+ 21'1
August	26	26	+ 19'3	+ 17'1	+ 23'8	+ 5'8	+ 19'1	+ 22'3
September	26	26	+ 1'9	+ 17'3	+ 19'6	+ 3'9	+ 15'6	+ 21'1
October	26	25	+ 4'2	+ 15'6	+ 16'7	+ 3'3	+ 8'3	+ 20'0

Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 28.

SECTION D.—TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC.

12. RAILWAYS.

NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS REVENUE AND BUSINESS.

The financial results of operations were:—

Month of November.				Five Months ended 30th November.		
	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.	Gross Revenue. †	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1946 ...	2,471,750	2,012,920	458,830	12,685,023	10,200,881	2,484,142
1947 ...	3,031,695	2,439,631	592,064	14,631,441	12,072,971	2,558,470
1948 ...	3,304,321	2,858,802	445,519	16,269,056	13,905,478	2,363,578

* Excluding capital charges, such as interest, exchange, etc.

† Excluding Government contribution, £800,000 annually, for developmental lines.

Month of November.				Five Months ended 30th November.	
	Tonnage of Goods (exc. Livestock).	Passenger Journeys.		Tonnage of Goods (exc. Livestock).	Passenger Journeys.
	thousands.	thousands.		thousands.	thousands.
1946 ...	1,459	21,045		7,390	106,962
1947 ...	1,513	21,186		7,609	108,349
1948 ...	1,420	22,307		7,487	109,199

Railway passenger fares and freight rates were increased from 13th August, 1947.

13. TRAMWAYS AND OMNIBUSES.

SERVICES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT, NEW SOUTH WALES.

PERIOD.	SYDNEY AND SUBURBS.			NEWCASTLE AND SUBURBS.		
	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers Carried.†	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers Carried.
	£	£	thousands.	£	£	thousands.
Month of November—						
1946 ...	458,300	18,700	40,700	48,600	3,400	3,600
1947 ...	573,500	(-) 1,000	37,900	59,100	(-) 600	3,400
1948 ...	616,000	(-) 25,900	39,800	64,600	(-) 5,200	3,500
Five Months ended 30th November—						
1946 ...	2,274,800	(-) 2,500	202,100	241,000	(-) 1,200	17,800
1947 ...	2,883,400	100,100	191,100	300,400	2,000	17,800
1948 ...	2,916,200	(-) 195,900	189,500	313,200	(-) 25,200	17,700

* Exclusive of Sinking Fund, Interest on Loan Capital, Exchange and Depreciation (Sydney and Newcastle), which amounted to £634,816 in year 1947-48.

† Exclusive of Sydney Harbour Bridge passengers whose journey did not extend beyond the Bridge Section.

Fares on tramways and Government omnibuses were increased from 1st July, 1947 and 29th November, 1948.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

14. MOTOR VEHICLES.

NUMBER OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES (N.S.W.) AS AT VARIOUS DATES.

(Exclusive of Vehicles of Defence Services.)

Class.	1939.	1942.	1945.	1947.	1948.			
	31st August.	30th June.*	31st August.	30th November.	31st May.	30th September.	31st October.	30th November.
Cars ...	216,633.	169,916	185,665	204,667	212,073	220,057	222,071	223,703
Lorries, Utilities and Vans ...	77,639	71,248	84,257	120,175	126,296	131,085	132,278	133,468
Tractors† ...	1,102	1,366	1,787	2,735	3,300	3,712	3,813	3,934
Cycles—Solo ...	17,111	10,538	12,319	20,738	23,168	24,900	25,337	25,852
Cycles—Side-car ...	6,884	4,785	4,076	6,182	6,550	6,738	6,793	6,870
Omnibuses‡ ...	794	890	1,039	1,316	1,413	1,480	1,455	1,504
Taxi-cabs‡ ...	1,331	1,352	1,351	1,550	1,627	1,640	1,644	1,647
Traders' Plates ...	1,187	708	662	1,278	1,393	1,581	1,598	1,620
Trailers ...	6,538	6,965	9,187	16,373	18,210	18,928	19,117	19,432
Total ...	329,219	267,768	300,343	375,014	394,030	410,121	414,106	418,030

MONTHLY REGISTRATIONS OF NEW VEHICLES IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

(Ex-Service Vehicles are not included.)

Period.	Number of New Vehicles Registered.							
	Cars.	Lorries, Utilities and Vans.	Tractors. †	Cycles.	Omnibuses. ‡	Taxi-cabs. ‡	Trailers.	Total.
Monthly Average—								
1937-1939 ...	1,748	721	15	191	12	47	99	2,833
1942-1945 ...	36	179	13	13	4	2	73	320
1946 ...	320	404	25	170	4	...	204	1,127
1947 ...	1,018	633	31	265	23	5	250	2,225
Month—								
1947-November..	1,298	836	40	339	30	5	213	2,761
1948-March ...	1,398	690	55	518	24	16	221	2,922
April ...	1,776	724	57	546	26	5	222	3,356
May ...	1,844	738	55	435	23	21	147	3,263
June ...	1,852	912	68	418	28	19	150	3,447
July ...	2,190	929	72	511	21	16	155	3,894
August ...	2,479	985	74	631	37	17	216	4,439
September ...	2,253	1,099	77	520	53	15	232	4,249
October ...	2,096	936	68	548	34	27	245	3,954
November..	1,795	975	72	669	50	21	309	3,891

* Lowest wartime cars; lowest lorries and vans (70,724) in October, 1942. † Excluding tractors used on farms only.

‡ Metropolitan and Newcastle Districts only; similar vehicles in other districts are included as cars.

15. WIRELESS LICENSES.

BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENSES IN FORCE IN N.S.W.

End of Month.	1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January ...	423,649	564,184	570,080	608,306	699,023
February ...	427,211	563,702	570,952	606,880	702,658
March ...	427,964	563,791	573,205	616,114	702,890
April ...	428,848	567,295	576,218	618,385	710,944
May ...	431,149	571,616	575,144	663,518	693,550
June ...	433,029	572,697	575,864	679,505	699,259
July ...	433,972	573,078	580,747	686,633	703,745
August ...	431,029	572,893	583,172	691,944	703,963
September ...	432,795	568,280	585,985	698,312	704,106
October ...	435,573	571,656	588,321	698,539	705,866
November ...	440,335	573,637	591,001	698,416	712,152
December ...	441,934	571,790	598,643	703,577	...

SECTION E.—FINANCIAL.

16. COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

FIVE MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER.

Revenue.	1947.	1948.	Expenditure.	1947.	1948.
Taxes—	million £.		Social Services*—	million £.	
Customs and Excise ...	49'39	51'81	Invalid, Age Pensions ...	14'72	15'63.
Sales	14'11	16'29	Widows' Pensions ...	1'60	1'72
Income and Social Services	76'97	80'73	Child Endowment ...	6'85	8'27
Payroll	6'59	8'00	Hospital Benefits ...	1'96	2'13.
Estate	1'70	1'82	Other	1'84	1'94
Entertainments ...	2'08	2'09	Payments to States ...	8'01	9'92
Other	0'52	0'45	Tax Reimbursed to States	13'11	13'67
Total Taxes ...	151'36	161'19	Post Office	10'87	13'40
Post Office	12'90	13'43	Other	32'98	38'67
Other	7'54	3'83	Defence and Post-War ...	71'94	57'68
Total Revenue ...	171'80	178'45	Total Expenditure ...	163'88	163'03

* Actual Expenditure from National Welfare Fund.

Expenditure from Loan Fund (other than Defence and Post-War which is included above) in the five months ended November, consisted of advances to States for Housing, £4,870,000 in 1947, and £5,910,000 in 1948.

17. N.S.W. GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

FIVE MONTHS ENDED NOVEMBER.

Revenue.	1947.	1948.	Expenditure.	1947.	1948.
	£000	£000		£000	£000
From Commonwealth—			Interest, Exchange and Sink-		
Towards Interest ...	1,216	1,215	ing Fund	6,678	7,102
Reimbursement of Taxes...	5,494	6,181	Less—Recoups from other		
Hospital Benefits ...	450	500	Activities	607	617
Stamp and Probate Duty ...	2,649	3,257	Net Debt Charges ...	6,071	6,485
Other Taxes	807	1,044	Other than Debt Charges—		
Land	715	689	Governmental	11,262	12,808
Services	722	808	Business Undertakings ...	15,517	17,532
Other	1,666	1,944			
Total Governmental	13,719	15,638			
Business Undertakings ...	17,963	19,856			
Total Revenue ...	31,682	35,494	Total Expenditure ...	32,850	36,825

Loan expenditure on works and services during the five months ended November was gross £7,072,000 and net (i.e., gross less repayments to loan account) £6,915,000 in 1948, compared with gross £5,628,000 and net £5,530,000 in 1947.

18. NINE TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ASSETS IN AUSTRALIA.

Deposits and assets in *Australia* of the nine banks which transact most of the private banking business in N.S.W. are shown below; the amounts are monthly averages of weekly figures.

Month.	Deposits.	Cash Items.*	Treasury Bills.	Government and Municipal Securities.	Special Deposits with Commonwealth Bank.	Advances, etc.
million £.						
1939—June ...	318.0	28.6	23.9	22.1	.....	291.7
1940 " ...	345.4	31.1	38.3	43.7	.....	289.9
1941 " ...	360.0	33.3	36.1	61.9	.....	283.7
1942 " ...	387.9	40.4	39.6	56.3	36.4	268.3
1943 " ...	453.5	33.4	50.8	75.7	102.9	246.0
1944 " ...	534.5	38.0	55.4	89.1	182.8	221.8
1945 " ...	582.5	36.5	46.5	104.3	241.8	207.9
1946 " ...	627.1	32.3	40.0	122.7	258.5	224.3
1947 " ...	648.3	34.4	13.8	80.6	275.4	289.7
1948 " ...	716.8	45.6	19.1	59.5	293.0	348.8
1947—						
August ...	628.7	41.2	11.2	76.2	239.5	308.3
September ...	638.9	46.2	14.1	75.6	236.3	315.8
October ...	651.9	45.8	16.2	73.6	239.1	324.7
November ...	659.3	42.3	14.2	65.8	248.7	332.7
1948—						
August ...	688.3	45.7	12.4	59.6	271.6	361.6
September ...	719.0	54.3	20.2	59.2	267.4	363.4
October ...	742.3	52.9	26.9	58.4	270.0	372.6
November ...	764.1	49.3	28.6	60.5	286.8	373.6

* Excluding London Funds.

19. ALL TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES.

There are 14 trading banks in N.S.W., viz., 9 to which Table 18 relates, the Commonwealth Bank (General Division), Rural Bank and 3 oversea banks; four other banks operate in Australia but not in N.S.W.

Month.	New South Wales* (14 banks).				Australia* (18 banks).			
	Deposits.			Advances, etc.	Deposits.			Advances, etc.
	Not Bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.		Not Bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.	
million £.								
1945—September ...	163.8	91.9	255.7	104.8	393.7	250.3	644.0	239.0
December ...	173.2	91.9	265.1	106.2	425.6	249.9	675.5	240.2
1946—March ...	190.0	90.2	280.2	105.7	463.0	244.4	707.4	248.5
June ...	191.4	86.4	277.8	111.6	460.9	237.6	698.5	259.5
September ...	193.7	85.9	279.6	126.0	461.3	232.7	694.0	285.6
December ...	199.9	86.4	286.3	133.0	478.9	229.5	708.4	303.5
1947—March ...	205.9	83.9	289.8	136.5	504.4	227.1	731.5	312.8
June ...	206.6	80.2	286.8	144.8	499.8	222.9	722.7	336.0
September ...	201.2	81.9	283.1	157.1	487.3	222.7	710.0	362.9
November ...	208.6	81.6	290.2	166.2	510.0	222.5	732.5	381.1
December ...	212.7	80.6	293.3	169.4	520.5	222.1	742.6	385.6
1948—January ...	214.6	79.6	294.2	180.2†	525.9	220.7	746.6	397.0†
March ...	228.8	78.8	307.6	179.1	565.3	219.9	785.2	395.1
May ...	234.3	78.4	312.7	182.4	569.2	219.8	789.0	408.5
June ...	235.4	77.7	313.1	186.2	579.7	219.1	798.8	412.0
July ...	226.5	77.3	303.8	192.6	560.3	218.2	778.5	426.9
August ...	223.8	76.6	300.4	191.5	548.9	218.4	767.3	428.0
September ...	238.3	78.6	316.9	190.9	580.1	222.4	802.5	429.7
October ...	247.2	82.3	329.5	201.5	597.4	231.4	828.8	455.5
November ...	254.6	83.3	337.9	202.5	618.2	234.4	852.6	458.6

* Comparable figures not available prior to September, 1945.

† Rural Bank advances included in this table were £14.7m. in December, 1947, and £24.5m. in January, 1948; the latter figure included for first time Advances for Homes and Personal Loans.

20. SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS (NEW SOUTH WALES).*

As at 30th June.	Amount of Deposits,†	End of Month...	Amount of Deposits.				
			1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	£000		£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
1937 ...	81,952	January	86,824	181,801	224,705	230,924	231,430
1938 ...	86,016	February	86,591	184,725	228,711	230,544	232,182
1939 ...	87,474	March	86,269	187,894	230,420	229,665	232,712
1940 ...	82,111	April ...	86,222	189,566	230,920	229,328	232,788
1941 ...	87,750	May ...	86,097	192,884	232,221	228,549	233,034
1942 ...	94,538	June†	87,474	198,203	236,242	231,368	236,964
1943 ...	122,405	July ...	87,201	200,932	237,305	231,530	237,265
1944 ...	162,867	August ...	86,957	204,794	236,985	231,070	236,910
1945 ...	198,203	September	86,557	207,520	235,806	232,654	237,246
1946 ...	236,242	October	86,751	209,906	234,804	232,568	237,831
1947 ...	231,368	November	86,684	214,806	233,006	231,775	238,031
1948 ...	236,964	December	86,581	219,560	231,311	231,250	...

* Amount at credit of depositors' accounts.

† Including accrued interest.

SAVINGS CERTIFICATES: The net amount received from sales of certificates, less re-purchases, in New South Wales was £26,834,984 at 30th September, 1948, including £134,198 net receipts in September.

21. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

Month.	1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	Amount—Million £							Index Numbers.						
January ...	66.5	106.7	107.5	114.2	120.1	142.2	171.3	98	136	150	152	154	196	236
February ...	75.5	105.7	121.2	114.1	131.8	150.2	182.0	96	139	147	149	157	194	231
March ...	80.5	123.4	130.1	123.4	144.1	170.0	196.4	93	138	146	145	164	193	230
April ...	70.7	125.3	108.4	126.2	138.9	181.8	205.9	98	150	150	154	176	218	253
May ...	82.0	123.0	143.5	132.6	156.7	186.4	233.1	100	155	158	160	184	229	269
June ...	80.3	132.6	140.1	136.0	159.2	176.9	230.1	101	163	166	169	195	236	289
July ...	71.2	114.3	122.9	129.7	174.9	183.5	230.3	98	155	168	167	206	229	291
August ...	74.9	122.7	127.4	121.0	157.3	162.4	199.3	99	160	169	168	214	227	287
September ...	74.9	116.5	120.9	123.4	159.4	177.0	229.7	99	155	163	166	217	232	293
October ...	78.0	115.5	123.7	140.4	182.2	197.3	238.2	100	152	159	166	216	234	291
November ...	86.1	129.3	126.3	129.7	164.1	203.8	237.2	102	149	153	164	211	243	298
December ...	91.7	127.3	127.6	121.7	165.6	192.2	240.5	106	150	152	159	208	243	296
Year ...	932.3	1442.3	1499.6	1512.4	1854.3	2123.7	2,600.0	100	151	156	160	196	226	277

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926-1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

The index is adjusted to eliminate the effects of Treasury Bill and other special transactions on behalf of Governments and the effects of bank amalgamations. No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels. The amounts of clearings shown are the recorded totals less Treasury Bill transactions only.

22. LIFE ASSURANCE—NEW POLICIES ISSUED (N.S.W.).

(Exclusive of Annuities.)

Period.	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Total Sum Assured.
	No. of Policies.	Sum Assured.	No. of Policies.	Sum Assured.	
1939—Year ...	50,520	£18,179,537	156,787	£7,539,660	25,719,197
1944 " ...	51,278	21,037,984	110,560	7,062,191	28,100,175
1945 " ...	53,927	23,998,758	109,862	7,512,997	31,511,755
1946 " ...	81,677	38,077,853	128,266	9,803,114	47,880,967
1947 " ...	96,661	43,592,919	115,892	10,475,719	54,068,638
1947—Jan.—Oct. ...	78,681	34,987,503	97,945	8,821,928	43,809,431
1948—Jan.—Oct. ...	77,767	37,342,905	98,591	9,511,512	46,854,417
July ...	8,561	4,297,095	10,428	1,011,207	5,308,302
August ...	8,115	4,033,273	11,688	1,143,351	5,176,624
September ...	11,802	5,594,240	11,457	1,123,950	6,718,190
October ...	6,862	3,320,373	8,479	826,742	4,147,115

The operations of the Government Insurance Office of N.S.W. are included above.

23. NEW LOANS GRANTED BY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES (N.S.W.).

(Exclusive of advances of premiums.)

Period.	On Mortgage of Real Estate.	On Companies' Policies.	Other.	Total.
1947—Year ...	£2,799,175	£788,685	£1,452,174	£5,040,034
1947—Jan.—Oct. ...	2,282,140	652,164	1,063,090	3,997,394
1948—Jan.—Oct. ...	4,134,858	713,245	2,005,030	6,853,133
July ...	420,741	74,434	396,505	891,680
August ...	277,204	90,836	183,174	551,214
September ...	416,506	77,942	186,205	680,653
October ...	302,541	67,919	150,254	520,714

The Government Insurance Office of N.S.W. is not included.

24. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average of all the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made where capital is written off or bonus shares are issued.

Month.	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	Total* Companies 75.	34 Active Shares included in foregoing.
1929—April	179·3	183·8	129·4	174·1	243·5	174·4	172·6
1931—Sept.	72·3	60·2	87·9	75·2	121·3	74·4	77·2
1937—Mar.	213·8	203·8	181·0	169·2	281·2	190·4	200·5
1945—Sept. ...	242·7	207·8	170·8	146·7	264·6	195·8	210·3
1947—Dec. ...	355·4	318·8	189·8	183·4	404·4	268·7	280·4
1948—Mar. ...	345·3	305·6	179·7	173·7	401·6	260·5	268·4
April ...	350·9	308·6	178·0	176·1	399·7	261·8	272·3
May ...	359·1	315·1	178·4	186·7	403·5	265·9	277·1
June ...	362·7	319·6	177·2	187·6	407·0	267·7	279·4
July ...	363·4	322·1	175·0	185·2	409·2	267·6	280·0
Aug. ...	361·4	319·9	172·8	183·7	414·9	266·0	277·6
Sept. ...	359·6	316·0	173·1	184·5	414·6	264·2	276·1
Oct. ...	354·9	315·2	173·5	180·2	419·1	262·3	273·0
Nov. ...	355·0	312·0	172·5	183·0	424·3	262·4	272·9
Dec. ...	351·7	301·0	172·6	180·6	431·0	259·4	268·2

* Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies. § The highest point of the index (75 Companies) prior to the slump was reached in April, 1929; the lowest point was in September, 1931. The highest point of the pre-war period was in March, 1937.

25. INTEREST RATES PER CENT. (N.S.W.).

Period.	Private First Mortgages Registered.*		Yield on Commonwealth Government Securities.†		Trading Banks—Rates on Fixed Deposits.			
	Urban Securities.	Rural Securities.	Short-dated.	Long-dated.	3 Months.	6 Months.	12 Months.	24 Months.‡
Average for year—			Under 5 years (a).	10 years and over (a).				
1938	5'4	5'0	3'38	3'76	2'00	2'50	2'75	3'00
1939	5'6	5'2	3'84	3'92	2'00	2'50	2'75	3'00
1940	5'6	5'1	3'14	3'30	1'58	2'08	2'33	2'58
1941	5'5	4'9	2 years (b).	12 years (b).	1'50	1'92	2'17	2'42
1942	5'4	4'9	2'47	3'23	1'29	1'54	1'79	2'04
1943	5'0	4'7	2'48	3'23	1'25	1'50	1'75	2'00
1944	5'0	4'4	2'45	3'24	0'79	1'04	1'40	1'90
1945	4'8	4'4	2'47	3'25	0'50	0'75	1'23	1'73‡
1946	4'5	4'3	1'90	3'24	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
1947	4'4	4'3	2'12	3'17	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
Months—								
1947—November ...	4'4	4'3	2'46	3'17	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
December ...	4'4	4'3	2'46	3'17	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
1948—March ...	4'4	4'3	2'40	3'16	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
June ...	4'4	4'3	2'34	3'16	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
July ...	4'4	4'3	2'33	3'16	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
August ...	4'4	4'3	2'27	3'16	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
September ...	4'4	4'3	2'13	3'15	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
October ...	4'4	4'3	1'70	3'15	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50
November ...	4'4	4'3	2'10	3'13	0'50	0'75	1'00	1'50

* Weighted average rate of interest. Monthly rate is average of three months ended month shown.

† Compiled by Commonwealth Bank as at last Wednesday in month. Interest on securities is subject to Commonwealth Income Tax (a) at rates not exceeding those in 1930, (b) at current rates.

‡ From December, 1945, rate on first £10,000 of deposits 1'50 per cent., on excess 1 per cent.

26. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (N.S.W.).

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

Month.	Consideration of Sales.						Amount of Mortgages.*					
	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
	Thousand £.											
January ...	2,449	1,090	1,786	2,246	4,576	4,895	1,591	383	608	1,268	1,858	3,671
February ...	2,438	1,507	1,999	2,357	4,729	4,825	1,841	611	593	1,179	2,031	2,400
March ...	3,623	1,552	2,059	2,726	4,395	4,640	2,225	663	688	1,047	2,005	2,441
April ...	2,245	931	1,663	3,832	3,593	5,244	2,025	302	526	1,431	1,674	2,551
May ...	3,090	1,307	2,204	4,697	4,763	5,137	2,112	495	606	1,641	2,290	2,266
June ...	2,613	1,809	2,373	3,593	4,617	4,911	1,658	687	864	1,768	2,070	3,550
July ...	2,919	1,992	2,726	4,005	5,335	4,617	1,950	543	902	1,622	2,484	2,244
August ...	3,068	2,241	2,238	5,670	5,346	5,137	2,770	723	861	2,352	2,085	2,307
September ...	2,934	1,772	2,684	6,440	4,988	4,842	1,513	597	1,005	2,328	2,378	2,338
October ...	2,330	1,654	3,260	5,826	4,843	4,904	1,713	634	1,128	2,161	2,641	2,560
November ...	2,381	1,899	3,106	5,180	4,978	5,514	1,702	529	1,072	2,163	2,238	2,718
December ...	2,067	1,708	2,195	4,105	5,061	4,796	1,344	699	899	2,473	2,220	2,417
Year ...	32,157	19,462	28,293	50,677	57,224	59,462	22,444	6,866	9,752	21,371	25,992	31,463

* Including new mortgages and renewals as registered.

NOTE.—The amounts shown relate substantially to mortgages of fixed amounts for fixed periods, and exclude fluctuating advances (such as overdrafts) secured by mortgage. Mortgages providing collateral security are included.

27. LIENS ON CROPS AND WOOL AND MORTGAGES ON LIVESTOCK.

(Registered under Liens on Crops and Wool and Stock Mortgages Act.)

	Month of November.			Eleven Months ended 30th November.		
	Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*	Crops	Wool.*	Livestock.*
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1946	11,813	74,487	119,286	660,392	1,487,691	1,113,811
1947	26,427	157,783	151,251	765,853	1,800,077	1,552,596
1948	30,152	159,510	251,682	390,848	2,189,494	2,374,791

See note under Table 26.

* Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.

SECTION F.—GENERAL.

28. EMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

The estimates shown below are based on the Census of 1933 and subsequent quasi-censuses (e.g. Civilian Register, 1943 and Occupation Survey, 1945), and returns supplied monthly by governmental authorities and since July, 1941, by employers for purposes of Commonwealth Pay-roll Tax. Wage earners in rural industry, female domestics in private households, members of defence forces at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers are not included.

Month.	Total Employees. (Excluding Rural Workers and Household Domestics.)			Employees in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental.	Private.	Total.	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Fac- tories. (b)	Building and Con- struc- tion.	Transport and Communi- cation.	Retail Trade.	Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (c)
	(a)	(b)	(b)							
MALES. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	103·2	277·4	380·6	18·1	94·5	55·1	65·0	78·4		44·2
1939—July ...	136·5	393·4	529·9	24·7	158·8	57·9	77·4	44·0	59·0	56·6
1941—July ...	141·5	406·2	547·7	26·0	202·1	54·0	76·8	41·6	43·6	49·3
1943—July ...	156·9	365·2	522·1	25·1	217·8	30·1	79·9	28·7	33·4	39·6
1944—July ...	152·2	372·0	524·2	24·4	217·6	28·2	82·3	28·5	34·0	42·6
1945—July ...	156·7	384·5	541·2	24·7	216·6	34·2	86·0	30·2	35·6	45·8
1946—July ...	169·8	455·6	625·4	25·7	239·7	45·1	97·3	42·1	51·2	57·0
1947—July ...	179·0	497·7	676·7	26·7	254·8	57·0	102·7	46·6	56·7	62·9
Nov. ...	180·6	507·3	687·9	27·1	257·7	57·5	104·4	49·0	58·0	63·9
1948—Jan. ...	182·2	507·5	689·7	27·3	258·0	57·5	104·4	48·9	58·9	64·7
Feb. ...	182·9	511·0	693·9	27·6	259·3	58·1	105·3	48·6	58·6	65·2
Mar. ...	183·6	512·2	695·8	27·8	259·1	59·0	105·8	48·8	59·1	64·9
April ...	185·3	513·9	699·2	27·8	260·3	59·3	107·3	49·2	59·8	64·4
May ...	185·8	514·2	700·0	27·8	260·2	60·1	107·0	49·4	59·3	64·9
June ...	186·1	516·1	702·2	28·1	261·2	60·1	107·9	49·2	59·3	64·5
July ...	186·8	515·4	702·2	28·1	261·3	61·1	107·4	49·4	59·0	64·6
Aug. ...	187·3	516·5	703·8	28·0	261·4	61·6	107·3	49·6	59·4	64·6
Sept. ...	187·8	517·0	704·8	28·1	261·8	61·4	107·6	49·3	60·1	64·8
Oct. ...	188·0	516·7	704·7	26·4	261·4	61·9	108·3	49·4	60·5	64·8
Nov. ...	188·7	519·4	708·1	27·3	262·4	62·2	107·7	50·6	60·8	64·8
FEMALES. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	16·8	109·0	125·8	0·1	36·3	0·3	3·7	33·6		49·4
1939—July ...	19·4	148·6	168·0	0·1	59·3	0·5	4·2	36·0	8·5	49·1
1941—July ...	21·7	196·6	218·3	0·2	76·0	0·7	8·2	41·0	17·8	60·2
1943—July ...	46·1	207·7	253·8	0·2	94·6	0·7	12·9	38·5	20·6	65·9
1944—July ...	45·6	205·4	251·0	0·2	91·6	0·7	13·8	36·3	20·7	67·7
1945—July ...	43·4	203·3	246·7	0·2	85·7	0·7	14·5	37·5	21·1	69·6
1946—July ...	32·8	210·2	243·0	0·2	83·1	0·9	12·8	39·2	21·1	73·3
1947—July ...	32·3	220·6	252·9	0·2	87·0	1·0	13·2	40·9	22·3	77·1
Nov. ...	32·6	228·1	260·7	0·2	88·9	1·0	13·2	43·4	23·3	79·3
1948—Jan. ...	32·9	224·5	257·4	0·2	86·7	1·0	13·4	43·0	23·0	78·6
Feb. ...	33·3	225·9	259·2	0·3	87·6	1·0	13·5	42·6	23·3	79·3
Mar. ...	33·4	226·7	260·1	0·2	88·4	1·0	13·5	42·7	23·6	79·9
April ...	33·2	226·4	259·6	0·2	88·0	1·0	13·2	42·7	23·4	79·6
May ...	33·6	227·1	260·7	0·2	88·4	1·1	13·6	42·9	23·5	79·6
June ...	33·6	228·3	261·9	0·2	88·8	1·1	13·9	43·0	23·8	79·6
July ...	33·4	229·3	262·7	0·2	89·7	1·1	13·8	42·8	24·5	79·2
Aug. ...	33·7	229·3	263·0	0·2	90·3	1·1	13·9	42·8	24·1	79·4
Sept. ...	33·7	232·0	265·7	0·2	91·2	1·1	13·9	43·1	24·5	80·4
Oct. ...	33·7	233·8	267·5	0·3	92·0	1·1	14·0	43·4	24·6	80·9
Nov. ...	33·9	235·8	269·7	0·3	92·5	1·1	14·0	44·8	24·8	81·0
PERSONS. (Thousands.)										
1933—June ...	120·0	386·4	506·4	18·2	130·8	55·4	68·7	112·0		93·6
1939—July ...	155·9	542·0	697·9	24·8	218·1	58·4	81·6	80·0	67·5	105·7
1941—July ...	163·2	602·8	766·0	26·2	278·1	54·7	85·0	82·6	61·4	109·5
1943—July ...	203·0	572·9	775·9	25·3	312·4	30·8	92·8	67·2	54·0	105·5
1944—July ...	197·8	577·4	775·2	24·6	309·2	28·9	96·1	64·8	54·7	110·3
1945—July ...	200·1	587·8	787·9	24·9	302·3	34·9	100·5	67·7	56·7	115·4
1946—July ...	202·6	665·8	868·4	25·9	322·8	46·0	110·2	81·3	72·3	130·3
1947—July ...	211·3	718·3	929·6	26·9	341·8	58·0	115·5	87·5	79·0	140·0
Nov. ...	213·2	735·4	948·6	27·3	346·6	58·5	117·6	82·4	81·3	143·2
1948—Jan. ...	215·1	732·0	947·1	27·5	344·7	58·5	117·8	81·9	81·9	143·3
Feb. ...	216·2	736·9	953·1	27·9	346·9	59·1	118·8	81·5	82·7	144·5
Mar. ...	217·0	738·9	955·9	28·0	347·5	60·0	119·3	81·9	82·7	143·9
April ...	218·5	740·3	958·8	28·0	348·3	60·3	120·5	81·9	83·2	144·0
May ...	219·4	741·3	960·7	28·0	348·6	61·2	120·6	82·3	82·8	144·5
June ...	219·7	744·4	964·1	28·3	350·0	61·2	121·8	82·2	83·1	144·3
July ...	220·2	744·7	964·9	28·3	351·0	62·2	121·2	82·2	83·5	143·7
Aug. ...	221·0	745·8	966·8	28·2	351·7	62·7	121·2	82·4	83·5	144·0
Sept. ...	221·5	749·0	970·5	28·3	353·0	62·5	121·5	82·4	84·6	145·2
Oct. ...	221·7	750·5	972·2	26·7	353·4	63·0	122·3	82·8	85·1	145·7
Nov. ...	222·6	755·2	977·8	27·6	354·9	63·3	121·7	85·4	85·6	145·8

- (a) Employees of Commonwealth, State and Local Governmental Authorities and of Allied Governments.
 (b) Exclusive of Working Proprietors. From July, 1947, subject to revision.
 (c) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services.

29. CONSUMPTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).

(Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units.)

Month.	Average, 1929 to 1931.	1929.	1932.	1936.	1939.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
January ...	100	103	93	110	125	141	164	155	173	165	170	198
February ...	100	105	95	112	125	145	159	161	174	181	201	208
March ...	100	102	95	111	130	146	164	165	171	185	199	212
April ...	100	104	96	110	125	147	164	162	172	189	198	218
May ...	100	106	95	110	128	144	166	172	178	192	198	203
June ...	100	103	99	114	131	154	174	176	176	197	208	214
July ...	100	105	97	112	134	158	171	177	184	195	212	199
August ...	100	106	97	107	135	157	181	181	177	195	212	214
September ...	100	108	97	113	134	158	171	172	180	201	214	223
October ...	100	109	96	113	135	163	162	169	174	203	211	216
November ...	100	109	97	116	136	161	164	171	179	200	214	226
December ...	100	105	99	116	131	165	163	169	123	180	214	...
Year ...	100	105	96	112	131	154	167	170	172	191	204	...

The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years, 1929 to 1931.

30. PRICES OF METALS.

Average Monthly Prices of Metals (Export Parity f.o.b. Australia) in Australian Currency.

Period.				Silver (Standard). per oz.		Lead. per ton.		Zinc (Electrolytic). per ton.		Tin (Standard). per ton.		Gold (Fine). per oz.	
				s.	d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1938	...	...	...	2	0 14	17	12 11	19	12 10	228	11 10	8	17 1
1939	...	...	...	2	1 42	17	12 1	19	15 3	268	3 6	9	14 4
1940	...	...	...	2	2 95	18	14 6	22	9 11	292	19 8	10	13 1
1941	...	...	...	2	4 26	19	11 4	22	12 11	295	1 6	10	13 8
1942	...	...	...	2	4 66	21	9 9	22	2 11	285	9 1	10	9 1
1943	...	...	...	2	4 63	22	19 2	23	15 2	283	1 6	10	9 0
1944	...	...	...	2	4 63	26	3 0	24	9 4	335	7 2	10	10 1
1945	...	...	...	2	10 59	34	10 10	37	6 4	350	9 0	10	13 10
1946	...	...	...	4	8 02	56	8 6	55	0 2	414	19 0	10	15 3
1947	...	...	...	4	4 27	90	2 0	67	6 4	505	12 2	10	15 3
1947—January	...	...	...	5	4 17	77	14 10	66	1 1	454	1 7	10	15 3
February	...	...	...	4	3 42	79	5 5	65	11 4	454	1 7	10	15 3
March	...	...	...	4	6 44	81	18 1	68	3 8	454	1 7	10	15 3
April	...	...	...	4	4 98	93	15 11	68	9 8	523	12 10	10	15 3
May	...	...	...	4	3 04	96	0 1	68	9 8	523	12 10	10	15 3
June	...	...	...	3	11 75	94	3 0	64	16 4	523	12 10	10	15 3
July	...	...	...	3	8 90	93	1 5	67	3 7	523	12 10	10	15 3
August	...	...	...	3	9 40	92	3 0	67	3 7	523	12 10	10	15 3
September	...	...	...	4	1 07	93	14 7	65	4 7	521	14 3	10	15 3
October	...	...	...	4	4 96	93	15 2	68	17 6	521	14 3	10	15 3
November	...	...	...	4	8 56	92	3 11	68	17 6	521	14 3	10	15 3
December	...	...	...	4	8 56	93	9 0	68	17 6	521	14 3	10	15 3
1948—January	...	...	...	4	7 85	94	13 3	68	17 6	612	5 3	10	15 3
February	...	...	...	4	7 58	92	3 9	68	17 6	622	13 4	10	15 3
March	...	...	...	4	9 87	98	6 4	68	17 6	622	13 4	10	15 3
April	...	...	...	4	9 87	102	5 3	79	10 0	622	13 4	10	15 3
May	...	...	...	4	9 87	103	11 5	79	10 0	622	13 4	10	15 3
June	...	...	...	5	3 07	109	16 2	79	10 0	684	4 6	10	15 3
July	...	...	...	4	6 06	116	12 2	79	10 0	684	4 6	10	15 3
August	...	...	...	5	1 66	116	19 10	79	10 0	684	4 6	10	15 3
September	...	...	...	5	1 94	115	0 8	79	15 5	684	4 6	10	15 3
October	...	...	...	5	2 23	127	9 4	81	8 4	684	4 6	10	15 3

31. RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—SYDNEY.

(Base: Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities in 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Quarter.	Food and Groceries.	Rent—4 and 5 rooms.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous Items.	Total Household Expenditure.	
					Index Number.	Increase from Sept. Quarter, 1939.
						Per cent.
1939—September ...	930	1,039	841	939	933	...
1940—September ...	945	1,042	948	996	973	4'3
1941—September ...	947	1,043	1,129	1,062	1,027	10'1
1942—September ...	1,061	1,042	1,337	1,105	1,122	20'3
1943—March* ...	1,050	1,042	1,408	1,145	1,141	22'3
June† ...	1,065	1,042	1,479	1,162	1,165	24'9
1944—June ...	1,025	1,043	1,437	1,172	1,143	22'5
1945—September ...	1,042	1,043	1,412	1,163	1,142	22'4
December ...	1,029	1,043	1,459	1,163	1,147	22'9
1946—March ...	1,035	1,043	1,463	1,167	1,151	23'4
June... ...	1,042	1,043	1,510	1,171	1,165	24'9
September ...	1,032	1,043	1,537	1,168	1,167	25'1
December ...	1,047	1,043	1,555	1,175	1,177	26'2
1947—March ...	1,097	1,044	1,532	1,186	1,192	27'8
June ...	1,096	1,044	1,540	1,187	1,194	28'0
September ...	1,109	1,044	1,579	1,244	1,218	30'5
December ...	1,139	1,045	1,639	1,245	1,242	33'1
1948—March ...	1,192	1,046	1,674	1,247	1,270	36'1
June ...	1,235	1,046	1,748	1,267	1,305	39'9
September ...	1,279	1,047	1,811	1,279	1,337	43'3

* Price stabilisation level.

† War-time peak.

32. BASIC WAGE—INDUSTRIAL AWARDS.

Amount per week—Adult Males.

Year.	Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong—Port Kembla.*				Crown Employees (All Districts).			
	February.	May.	August.	November.	February.	May.	August.	November.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1939 ...	81 0	82 0	81 0	82 0	80 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1940 ...	82 0	83 0	85 0	85 0	81 0	81 0	83 0	84 0
1941 ...	88 0	88 0	89 0	89 0	86 0	87 0	87 0	88 0
1942 ...	91 0	93 0	95 0	97 0	90 0	92 0	94 0	96 0
1943 ...	98 0	98 0	100 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	99 0	98 0
1944 ...	99 0	99 0	99 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	98 0
1945 ...	99 0	98 0	98 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	97 0
1946 ...	99 0	99 0	100 0	{ 101 0 108 0†	98 0	98 0	99 0	{ 99 0 106 0†
1947 ...	108 0	110 0	110 0	112 0	107 0	108 0	109 0	111 0
1948 ...	114 0	116 0	120 0	122 0	113 0	115 0	118 0	121 0

* In other districts, except Broken Hill, the rates were 3s. less.

† Special increase 7s., December, 1946 (Interim judgment of Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration).

‡ In 1939 quarterly variations commenced in March, June, September and December.

POPULATION—Estimated, 30th June, 1948:—New South Wales, Males, 1,513,563; Females, 1,511,756; Persons, 3,025,319—39'4 per cent. of population of Australia. Sydney and Suburbs (Census 30th June, 1947), 1,484,004.

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